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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-2, 5 and 9, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 3 and 10 as follows.

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~The welding glove of Claim 1,~~ A three-fingered welding glove, comprising:

a front palm piece having a front index finger portion, a rear index finger portion, a front shell end and a thumbhole, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are integrally formed;

a front shell piece coupled to the front shell end of the front palm piece;

a rear shell piece separately cut and sewn on the front palm piece and the front shell piece, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger, and wherein the front and rear shell pieces are together configured to receive a middle finger, a third finger and a little finger; and

a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of the palm piece and configured to receive a thumb, wherein the front index finger portion and the front shell piece include a wing at a side surface thereof, respectively, and wherein the front index finger portion and the front shell piece are coupled to each other via a respective wing.

4. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 3, wherein the wing of the front index finger portion and the wing of the front shell piece are bent at the same angle.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A three-fingered welding glove, comprising:
an integrated sheet having a front shell portion, a rear shell portion, a rear index finger portion, a front index finger end and a thumbhole;

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a front index finger piece separately cut and sewn on the front index finger end of the integrated sheet, wherein the front and rear shell portions are together configured to receive a middle finger, a third finger and a little finger, and wherein the front index finger piece and the rear index finger portion are together configured to receive an index finger; and

a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of the integrated sheet and configured to receive a thumb.

7. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 6, wherein the front index finger piece and the front shell portion include a wing at a side surface thereof, respectively, and wherein the front index finger piece and the front shell portion are coupled to each other via a respective wing.

8. (Original) A three-fingered welding glove, comprising:
a front palm piece having a front finger end and a thumbhole;
a finger piece having a front shell portion and a front index finger portion which are separately formed, wherein the finger piece is sewn on the front finger end;
a rear shell piece having a rear index finger portion and a rear shell portion which are separately formed, wherein the rear shell piece is coupled to the front palm piece and the finger piece such that the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger and the front and rear shell portions are together configured to receive a middle finger, a third finger and a little finger; and
a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of the front palm piece and configured to receive a thumb.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) ~~The welding glove of Claim 9,~~ A three-fingered welding glove, comprising:

a backhand piece having a front index finger portion, a rear index finger portion, a rear shell portion and a thumbhole, wherein the front and rear index finger portions and the rear shell portion are integrally formed;

a front shell piece separately cut and coupled to the backhand piece, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger and wherein the front shell piece and the rear shell portion are together configured to receive a middle finger, a third finger and a little finger; and

a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of the backhand piece and configured to receive a thumb, wherein the front index finger portion and the front shell piece include a wing at a side surface thereof, respectively, and wherein the front index finger portion and the front shell piece are coupled to each other via a respective wing.

11. (Original) A three-fingered welding glove comprising:

an integrated sheet having a front shell portion, a front index finger portion, a rear index finger portion, a rear shell portion and a thumbhole;

an in-between finger piece coupled to the integrated sheet, separately cut, and sewn between the front shell portion and the front index finger portion, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger and wherein the front and rear shell portions are together configured to receive a middle finger, a third finger and a little finger; and

a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of integrated sheet and configured to receive a thumb.

12. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 11, wherein the front index finger portion is adjacent to the rear index finger portion.

13. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 11, wherein the front shell portion is adjacent to the rear shell portion.